

Opioid Operational Command Center

Briefing Memo

To: OOCC State and Local Partners

Through: OOCC Planning Section

From: Clay Stamp

Re: Opioid Operational Command Center (OOCC)

Date: August 10, 2017

Completed Action Items (July 27, 2017 - August 9, 2017):

- On 7/31/2017 -
 - In compliance with House Bill 1082, established a workgroup to review Maryland public school programs that provide behavioral and substance abuse disorder services, develop proposals to expand these programs, and report recommendations to the General Assembly by 12/1/2017; first workgroup meeting scheduled to take place on 8/10/2017 [Partners: MSDE]
- On 8/1/2017 -
 - Conducted multiple OIT Grant review sessions to approve jurisdiction project proposals and budgets; will continue to take place on a weekly basis moving forward [Partners: MDH - BHA, DBM]
 - Evaluated proposals for expanding law enforcement diversion programs; meeting with law enforcement leadership to follow [Partners: MDH - SSP, GOCCP]
 - Finalized draft of charts relating to eMeds Naloxone Administration and EMS Saves; review pending [Partners: OOCC Data Unit, MIEMSS]
- On 8/2/2017 -
 - Hosted a webinar to educate response partners about the opioid-related legislation signed by Governor Hogan following the 2017 legislative session; the first in a series of bi-weekly webinars (96 State and local partners in attendance) [Partners: Office of the Governor]
 - OOCC Director spoke on Maryland's opioid response efforts at the Joint Policy Work Group Meeting for the National Emergency Management Association - Association of State

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and Territorial Health Officials - Governors' Homeland Security Advisors Council (NEMA-ASTHO-GHSAC)

- On 8/4/2017 -
 - Subject matter experts presented at the Maryland School Health Interdisciplinary Program annual conference; topic: "Update on the Maryland Response to the Opioid Epidemic: School and Community Approaches" [Partners: MDH, MSDE]
 - OCCC Director met with Wicomico County OIT Leads and attended a trial for the revocation of probation for heroin distribution with the Assistant State's Attorney
 - Answered request for information from Delegate Pena-Melnik as a follow-up to Joint Committee on Behavioral Health and Opioid Use Disorders [Partners: DHS, DBM, OCCC]
- On 8/5/2017 -
 - Completed weekly analysis of naloxone administration trends by EMS providers statewide to include in the broad distribution via the Office of Preparedness Public Health Situational Awareness Report [Partners: MDH, MIEMSS]
- On 8/9/2017 -
 - OCCC Director joined Governor Hogan in St. Mary's County as Sheriff Cameron and State's Attorney Fritz announced the indictments of eight individuals on second-degree murder charges related to drug sales and the deaths of drug users [Partners: Office of the Governor, MSP, St. Mary's County Sheriff, St. Mary's County State's Attorney]

Planned Actions Items (August 10, 2017 - August 23, 2017):

- On 8/10/2017 -
 - Conduct first meeting of MSDE workgroup developed in compliance with House Bill 1082
 - Receive final submissions for MDH-BHA Request for Expression of Interest for the Maryland Opioid Rapid Response (MORR) program, which is an opportunity available to local behavioral health authorities, local addiction authorities, and core service agencies; service goals associated with this two-year funding include co-locating crisis services within ASAM level 3.7 residential treatment facilities and implementing a bed tracking system
 - Meet with WBAL to discuss OCCC mission and opportunities to work together

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- On 8/11/2017 - MHEC to send out letter to Presidents of higher education institutions highlighting legislation and request for information about activities
- On 8/15/2017 - OCCC Director to present at the Maryland School Safety Summer Conference
- On 8/17/2017 - OCCC to conduct an internal workshop to sharpen the vision for the OCCC's future as a program and produce well-reasoned recommendations regarding the OCCC's processes, staff makeup, and core deliverables
- On 8/18/2017 - OCCC Director to give two presentations at the MACO 2017 Summer Conference
- On 8/21/2017 - Regional Opioid Task Force in Easton, MD
- Finalize review of charts drafted relating to eMeds Naloxone Administration and Improved Response
- Ongoing: Conduct weekly OIT Grant review sessions to approve jurisdiction budgets and project narratives [Partners: MDH, DBM]
- Ongoing: Collect summaries of Promising Practices occurring within local jurisdiction OIT's and disseminate/share statewide
- Ongoing: Compile survey results from the Maryland Hospital Association on ED overdose discharge protocols in regard to substance use disorder screening, naloxone dispensing, peer support, and direct referral to treatment

OCCC Coordinated Meetings

The OCCC continues the mobilization phase to engage partners at the state and local level working on heroin and opioid-related initiatives, including but not limited to the following meetings:

- On 7/27/2017 - Meeting with Beacon Health to discuss behavioral health data [Partners: OCCC, DBM]
- On 8/1/2017, 8/7/2017 - OIT CoA Submission Review Sessions [Partners: BHA, DBM, OCCC]

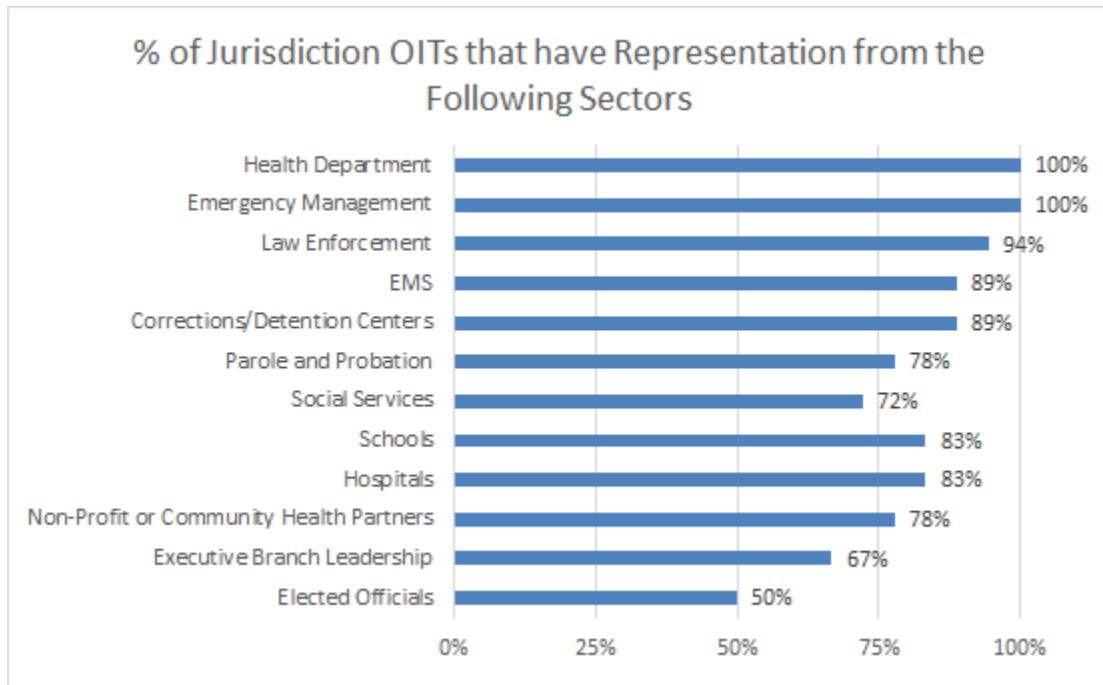
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- On 8/1/2017, 8/3/2017, 8/8/2017 - Call with Harford, Queen Anne's, and Howard Counties, respectively, to review proposed OIT Grant-funded projects [Partners: OOCC, BHA, DBM]
- On 8/3/2017 - Data Unit meeting regarding CDC Opioid Surveillance Grant [Partners: OP&R, BHA]
- On 8/7/2017 - Interagency Council via conference call [10 individuals] to provide progress updates and discuss benchmarks and targets [Partners in attendance: OOCC, MDH, MDH-OPR, GOCCP, DJS, DHR, Commerce]
- On 8/7/2017 - OOCC Director interview with WJZ
- On 8/8/2017 - Introductory meeting with DBM to begin discussion around development of an OOCC procurement template
- On 8/8/2017 - OOCC Director interview with WFMD

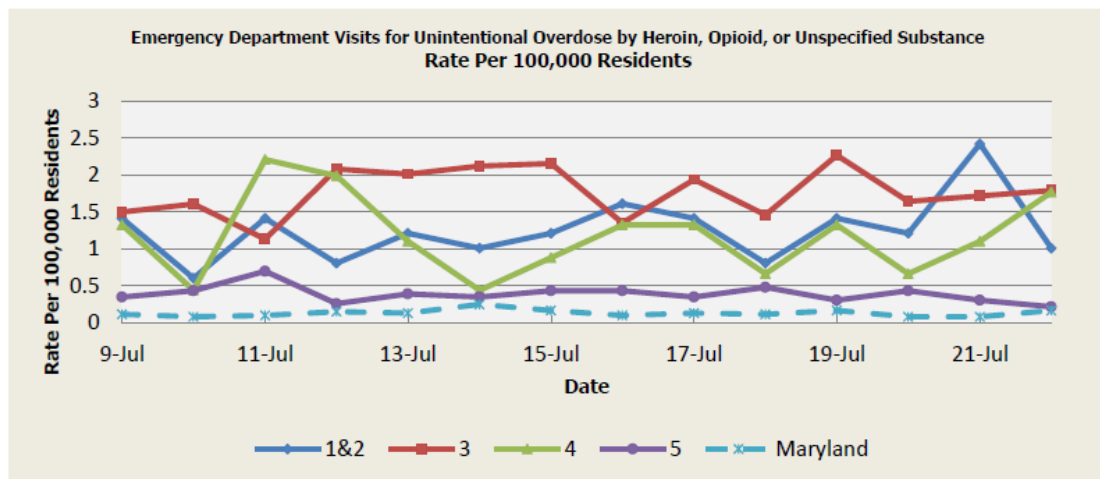
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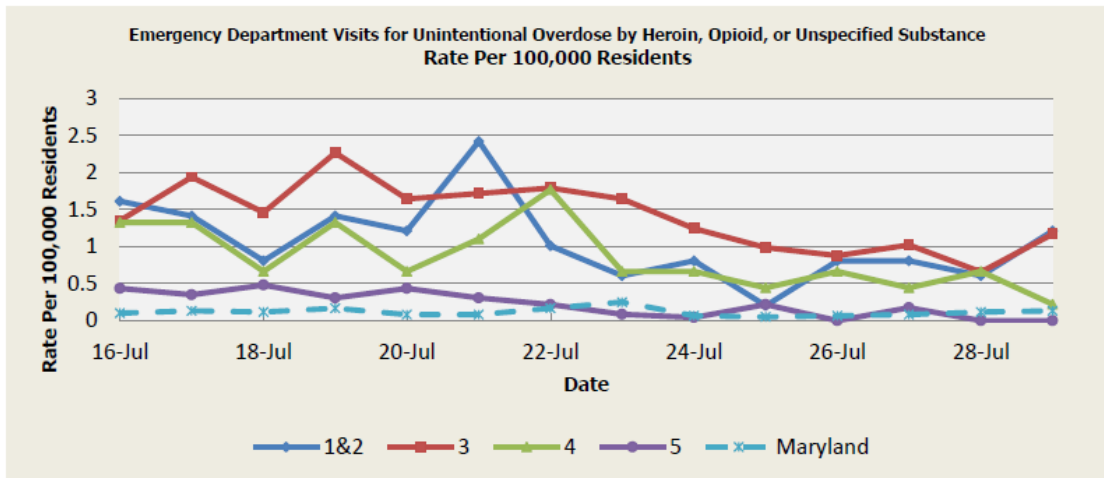
The purpose of this section is to characterize non-fatal ED visit trends for acute unintentional overdose by Heroin, Opioid or Unspecified substance among Maryland residents captured by ESSENCE data, including chief complaint and discharge diagnosis. ED visits that are identified as unintentional overdose by Heroin, Opioid or Unspecified substance include those with medical and non-medical use of a prescription Opioid or where the substance is not specified, given evidence that the majority of fatal overdoses are Opioid-related.



Disclaimer on ESSENCE Overdose related data: ESSENCE chief complaint and discharge diagnosis query for overdose-related illness includes but is not limited to the following terms: heroin, opioid, speedball, dope, fentanyl, naloxone, naran, and overdose.

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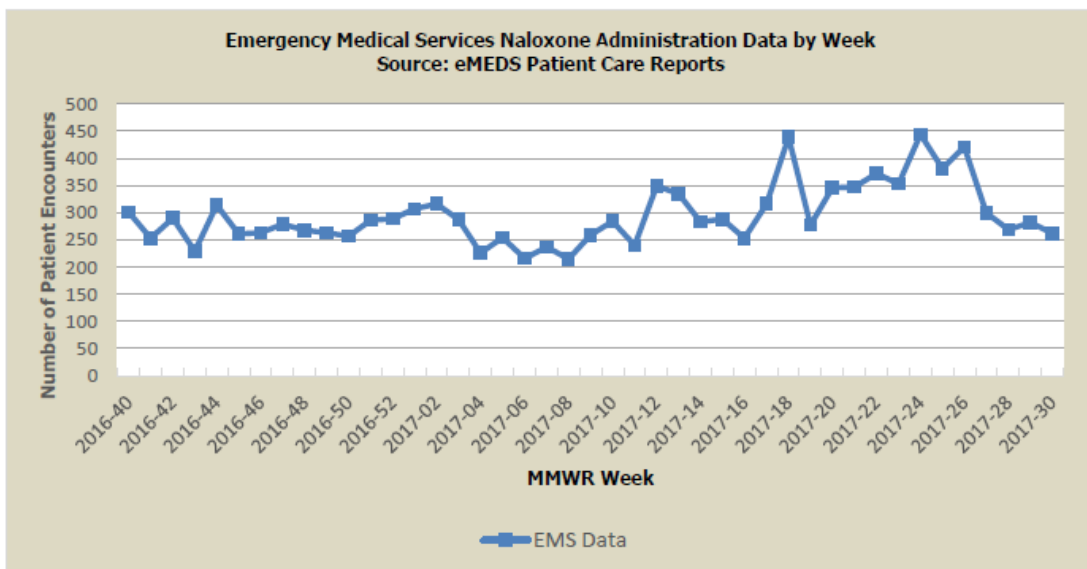
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Non-fatal Overdose ED Visit Baseline Data January 1, 2010 - Present					
Health Region	1&2	3	4	5	Maryland
Mean Rate*	0.31	0.41	0.36	0.14	0.29
Median Rate*	1.01	1.32	1.10	0.48	0.99

* Per 100,000 Residents



Disclaimer on eMEDS naloxone administration related data: These data are based on EMS Pre-hospital care reports where the EMS provider has documented that they administered naloxone. The administration of naloxone is based on the patient's signs and symptoms and not on any diagnostic tests. These data are reported for trending purposes only.